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A Republican Necessity. The holiday season is hardly appropriate for such a purpose, but the republican leaders of Congress might put in a portion of the recess to advantage by reflecting on the divided state of the party councils. The fact stands very plainly revealed. The party does not seem to be united on a single important proposition. There are at least four factions disputing about currency reform: An unconditional do-nothing faction, a faction supporting the President's recommendation, a faction disposed to support Secretary Gage's recommendation, and a faction partly convinced that something ought to be done, but without opinion as yet as to what that thing should be. There are the active friends of Cuba and the passive friends of Cuba. The Hawaiian question brings out annexationists and anti-annexationists. Repeal the civil service law, say some, modify its application, say others, while a third faction want the law sustained. There is division even as to the Dingley bill. Demand is heard in some quarters for supplemental revenue legislation at once, while in other quarters faith in the bill is confidently expressed. In a party of strong men divisions are to be expected, and they always appear. But unless they are promptly fought out the party always suffers. The republican party is in power clothed with responsibility. It cannot with safety shirk its work. Its time for action has arrived. It is called upon to

No stock is taken, or need be taken, in stories ascribing a delibérate purpose on the part of this man or that to put obstacles in the way of his party. No republican leader could find excuse or justification for a course such as that. Neither for the sake of revenge, nor with a view of advancing his personal fortunes, could any man gain anything by aiding in bringing about reverses for his party. The party is on trial, and if it fails every member of it must share in the consequences.

make a platform for the next Congress

elections. The party has never won a fight

on a do-nothing record. As a matter of

fact, it has no such record. No party ever

won a fight divided against itseif. A party,

like a house, when divided against itself,

The democracy, meanwhile, is living on Easy street. It is not required to propose anything, and it finds no difficulty in presenting a solid caucus front on a platform criticising the opposition.

#### The Evening Star Santa Claus Club.

It will be seen from the statements in another column that The Evening Star Santa Claus Club has by no means passed ir to oblivion, after its seasons of efficient work among the poor children of the District. The Christmas season has heretofore been utilized for the purpose of reorganization and the spread of supplies and funds among the very poor, but this year there is little demand for emergency inadvisable to arcuse the generosity of the pupils of the schools and their parents until greater need for their assistance exists. The club remains, therefore, a potential factor in the annual work of charcomposing this splendid organization will Indeed, it is necessary to explain only to new-comers to the capital what the Santa Claus Club is. It is one of the institutions of the city, and when the word goes forth that it is again active its treasury will doubtless fill rapidly for the relief of the little ones who are in danger of suffering through the lack of warm clothing, shoes, food and fuel. The Evening Star Santa Claus Club does not seek to extend general relief to the poor. It confines its attentions mainly to the children of the poor. One of its main objects is to clothe and shoe the little folks whose parents cannot do this for them, so that they may not be forced by the bitterness of winter to absent themselves from school. It will be well to remember at this Christmas season, when the spirit of generous giving is abroad, that there may be youngsters in our midst who are destitute, ye there will be no serious anachronism in starting the work of the Santa Claus Club after Christmas has passed. Charity knows no artificial divisions of time.

Publish the Lists. In view of the frequent and persistent charges of fraudulent and improper allowance of pensions, it would seem that one of the very best investments the government can make would be in the publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation in each county in the United States of a full list of all the pensioners residing therein, and the amount of pension paid in each case, together with the claim or ground upon which the allowance was made. Such publications would procure, by comparisons and discussions of the subject in the several neighborhoods thus reached, a volume of reliable and useful information not obtainable in any other way and which would be of incalculable value. inasmuch as the result would be either the lopping off of fraudulent cases or satisfactory evidence that the charges of fraudulent payments are without foundation in truth. To accomplish either one of these ends-would be worth to the country many times the cost of securing them.

No doubt Mr. Dockery will do something pyrotechnic and nemorable when the proposition to enable ambassadors and ministers to support their offices with less conomy and more dignity is considered.

It would be interesting to know what a man accustomed to doing business on the scale habitual to J. Pierpont Morgan would

think of a profit like Mr. Leiter's paltry

Germany's Growing Power. The theatricals at Kiel the other day were diverting, but Germany's European rivals are not permitting them to go at that. And it is probably wise that they are not. Emperor William loves the spectacular, and indulges himself very frequently. In addition to being a soldier, he is something of an orator, something of a painter, something of a musician, and this variety of equipment justifies and explains his passion for parades and proclamations. But he is no mountebank, and his present play therefore is well worth the serious atten-

While part of his play in this demonstration against China is to strengthen his power at sea, it is not to be forgotten that he is aiready exceedingly strong on land. He controls the finest fighting machine in the world. The German army is the largest in point of numbers, the best drilled and the best equipped, in Europe. It is likewise

officered by young men of vigor and training. It is devoted to the emperor. And it ought to be. He has shown devotion to it. He has made the soldier in Germany everything, the civilian nothing. And so the army, there is every reason to believe, will obey him in any move he may inaugurate. While this army is not likely to be trans-

ported to China it enters into the equation when the situation as to China is considered. Germany at Kiao-Chau is to be reckoned with for all she represents both on land and sea. The whole empire is behind the German ships in the Chinese waters and both Russia and Great Britain appreciate the fact. A collision in the Chinese waters, or on shore there, would be of small mement in comparison with what would inevitably follow in Europe. Then this splendid fighting machine would come into

use for all that it might be worth. If this maneuver succeeds, and the German emperor gets what he wants of rich "pickings" in China, and such appropriations at home for naval reinforcements as will bring his power at sea up to a figure approximating his power on land, he will be likely to grow in aggressiveness and to turn his eyes over on this side of the water. Not on the United States, but on those countries in Central and South America where many of his subjects already reside, and where an increase of their number-altogether certain to take place-will give him the excuse for testing what at present he so much derides, the Monroe doctrine. To this extent at least the United States Is justified in being an interested observer in this imbroglio in the far east.

#### The Weylerian Policy.

The Weylerian policy, though for diplo matic purposes suspended, is still dear to the Spanish heart. It represents the real, candid Spanish idea about dealing with Cuba. No Spaniard, in office or out, will concede any character to the insurgents. All alike contend that the men in arms in Cuba against Spanish authority are no better than bandits. Hence, as General Weyler reasoned, let them be proceeded against as bandits. Why undertake to reason or compromise with such people? Why not exterminate them at once?

On this line of action General Weyler fashioned his course during his whole stay in Cuba. And everything he did was accepted and indorsed by his superiors in office and by the Spanish people. His full eighteen months of savagery brought him only praise from those he served. Then came the assassination of his chief, and such a shake-up at Madrid as to require his recall. Criticism of him since indulged in by those who supported him while he was in power has been transparently dishonest, unconvincing and insincere. The purpose has been only to puff General Blanco and the Sagasta scheme of "pacification." Underlying it all has continued s fervent admiration for the butcher, and a regret that he did not succeed.

The conservatives of Cuba are the first to tire of the humbug change. They come out now in praise of General Weyler, and in condemnation of autonomy. They want Spanish rule for the island, and all that it has hitherto signified. They are likewise greatly offended at the President's assertion of the right of this government to intervene in the struggle. This is distinctly the Spanish view, and there can be no doubt of the fact that it prevails at Madrid as well as in Havana. It has found open expression in the one capital. How long will it be before it finds authoritative expression in the other?

What chance can there be for the success of autonomy, with the scheme rejected by the insurgents and by a powerful Spanish party as well? If it is not to cause the insurgents to ground arms nor yet the Spaniards in the island to give it their relief work as yet, and it is viewed as support, what is to be expected of it? How long is the play to run?

#### Unchristmas-Like Weather.

It is unfortunate for both the shoppers and the merchants that these last few ticeable the school children and others by bad weather. The overcast skies threaten rain or snow and the streets do be found at the front, ready to do good in | not dry off as readily as they should, owing the usual thorough manner. The plan and to the surcharged condition of the atmosscope of this work are stated elsewhere. phere. Merchants declare that the trade is seriously affected by this sort of weather. that the people who are prevented from buying during a single day of the last week before Christmas do not make up for lost time on succeeding days when the conditions are more favorable. However this may be, it is a serious annovance to both sides of the pargain. Yet no remedy is plainly at beind, save that the shoppers should forget their little discomforts for the brief space yet remaining and finish their errands whether it rain, snow, freeze, thaw or clear. At all events, it is to be hoped that before Saturday arrives the present unstable, disagreeable conditions will have passed over and some settlement in the elements will be arranged in order that Christmas day may be bright and cheery.

> The idea of keeping sealskins taken by Canadians out of this country seems to be based on the assumption that a sealskin is harder to smuggle than a Chinaman.

Mrs. Lease, after looking over Jerry Simpson's career, sees no reason why the spring bonnet should not supplant the golf stocking as a national institution.

Mr. Hanna remains confident that all Mr. Foraker will get off the Ohio Christmas tree will be some comparatively valueless decorations. President Sam of Haiti would like to

ave something in the nature of a civil ights clause incorporated in international

The undeniable importance of the Chinese mpire in modern politics is very similar to that of a turkey at a raffle.

Young Mr. Leiter is prepared to add his estimony to the effect that a wave of prosperity has materialized.

Spain feels that it shows great humility nd self-control to be willing even to talk about autonomy for Cuba.

#### The Fate of Ruiz.

American citizens who are inclined to characterize the shooting of Ruiz by the Cuban insurgents as an unwarranted act should recall the history of their own country. John Andre, a British officer, sought to negotiate with Benedict Arnold, a trusted commander of the colonists, for the betrayal of West Point into the hands of the British. Arnold was willing, but Andre was captured on his way through the lines, was tried as a spy and hanged. History has recorded the approval by civilization of this act. Colonel Ruiz was as much a spy as was John Andre. He was seeking to corrupt an insurgent leader. He was seeking to bribe him to lay down his arms in an effort to demoralize the insurgent forces. He was under no flag of truce, bore no credentials authorizing him to negotiate peace, sought out no responsible leader with his propositions and conformed in every particular to the accepted understanding of a spy. Had he been deputed by the captain general to propose negotiations for an armistice and had he, with proper credentials, sought out General Gomez with overtures for peace, he might with some degree of reason have been considered an emissary entitled to the protection of the flag of truce. But, as

The Star pointed out recently, even then

he would have fallen under the ban of the

Cuban proclamation warning in advance

with a threat of death all representative

of the Spaniards from entering the Cuban

the Cuban insurgents pirates and cutthroats and anarchists, as is now being done, is to invoke the rebuke of American history. If the man who gave the order to shoot Colonel Ruiz-whether it shall be proved to be Arangueren himself or some other-is to be called a murderer, then George Washington, by whose orders Andre was tried as a spy, was a murderer.

A youthful inventor claims that he can photograph thoughts. He has not yet succeeded, and Boston is at a loss to understand how he is going to secure any specimens worth his trouble without moving to

According to its custom, the coal trust does not wait on the movements of Santa Claus this winter, but helps itself.

An important question which now con fronts the politician is, "Do you favor civil service reform? If so, how much?"

#### SHOOTING STARS.

Thinking of His Comfort. "I do wish the weather would change," exclaimed the dyspeptic man's wife.

"But it isn't nearly so disagreeable as it might be." "I know that. It makes my husband so

unhappy not to have more to complain

#### Unjustly Accused.

"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "I s'pose ye b'lieve all de t'ings ye hear about fellers like me not bein' willin' ter cut wood?" "Yes," was the reply. "I see no reason to doubt them."

"Dere's where ye does an injustice. I ain' dat kind. Why, sir, when de weather permits dere ain't anything I'd ruther do dan sit on a fence rail wit a shingle an' whittle

Proverbial. That good wine needs no bush, they say, And, likewise, well we know,

The comely lass on Christmas day

Will need no mistletoe.

"Some folks." said Uncle Eben, "is so skyaht o' makin' a mistake in life, dat dey does absolutely nuffin', which am de

#### bigges' mistake dat is."

Kindness Appreciated. "These efforts to be humorous about men who have to mind the children are very fatiguing to me," remarked Mr. Meek-

"I was afraid they had your approval," said his wife. "Not a bit of it. No woman who allows her husband to stay at home with the chil-

#### dren instead of taking him with her to shop ought to be discouraged."

A Reformation. His Shakespeare he took and each principal part

He studied with care till he had it by heart. He never neglected a chance to recite.

He spoke "Hamlet's soliloquy" night after night.

He went on the stage; but he made no pretenses From season to season of paying ex-

So he got him some gloves that were stuffed with curled hair

penses.

room only.

And he bade all the heavy weights watch him with care.

Whenever a battle was fought he came forth And challenged the winner for all he was worth.

No more are the orchestra chairs sad and lonely. His new piece is playing to standing

#### The Port Arthur Question.

What kind of moral right have we to say that Russia. wanting as she does to turn Siberia into a Canadian dominion, shall not find a port of exit for her vast possession a little to the south of the icebound regions of the Siberian coast? How long should we be, if Canada had no port, before we made it a primary object of our policy to get one for her? Or what claims have we, who hold Hong-Kong, Labuan and Singapore, to declare that Germany, with her large far eastern trade, shall no have a port in which the warships neces sary to protect that trade shall be refitted? from acquiring our fair share of influence or commerce, let us fight, and fight with our whole hearts; but let us not give way to these unreasoning fits of jealousy and spite. We do not like Russla, as an autocratic state hostile to, many of our just claims; but her rights are, and must be, precisely those which we claim for ourselves: and so are those of the German emperor though he is not only heatile but emperor, though he is not only hostile, but would dearly like, if he could only do it, to take away our splendid possession of South Africa.

#### Two Dollar Wheat. From the Topeka Capital.

An irreconcilable populist exchange remarks mournfully that if Bryan had been elected wheat would now be \$2 instead of \$1. Possibly. However, Kansas farmers are getting \$2 for all the wheat they sell in Mexico, and a good deal of American wheat has gone into that country. The \$2 they get in Mexico, however, are no better or more valuable than the \$1 they get in Liverpool or New York or Chicago. But the \$2 the Mexicans have to pay for American wheat is a severe hardship to the bread eaters of that financially decrepit country. If Bryan were elected and if wheat were \$2, American workmen would find it almighty hard to get the \$2 to buy the wheat, and when the farmer got his \$2 he would find it would go no further than \$1 now.

#### Patriotism and Cowardly Indifference. From the Minneapolis Tribune.

In 1879 Minister Lowell, referring to the peace made by Martinez Campos, declared that "all intelligent Spainiards admitted that the country could not afford another war," and he might, no doubt, have added that many of those Spaniards had had fair warning that, should another war occur, the Cubans would not again be deprived of any of their rights to recognition as belligerents by the United States. Our course for years has been that of forbearance toward Spain, but we will discredit our own patriotism, humanity and Christianity by any further exhibition of cow-ardly indifference to the Cuban cause.

#### When It Will Come.

the Buffalo Express. Until public sentiment, the public sentiment represented by the real soldiers of the war, is aroused to the enormity of the pension crimes the politicians at Washing-ton will not dare to take any steps to check them.

#### It Would Make Him Work. From the Chicago News.

The Hon. Mary E. Lease will return to Kansas and run for Congress. With Mary in the House Speaker Reed would earn every dollar of his salary.

#### Chinese Dragon's Teeth From the Philadelphia Record.

When the Chinese invented gunpowder little did they dream that it would be their

The Rush for China Ware, m the St. Louis Republic. With Germany and Russia both
Invading China's soil,
And taking what they like of her,
A safe and bloodless spoil,
While France, and even wee Japan,
Are hungaring for their share,
Oh, it won't be long till many shelves
Are filled with China ware!

It's grab at this and grab at that,
And take whate'er you can;
First come, first served, and might m
This seems to be the plan;
And the culy danger to be seen,
To bid the thieves beware,
Is that of a general bloody smash
In the rush for China ware!

Open evenings until Christmas.

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Your Christmas helidays will be brighter and you will be better prepared to entertain the many friends year if you have a Fine Upright Plane in the parlor. If you can't afford to buy now, rent one. We will let you have a splendid instrument-in perfect condition musically-at the very reasonable rental of \$4 month-all money paid in rent to apply on purchase of new piano at any time. Leave your order tonight or tomorrow if you wish the plane delivered before Xmas day.

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26-inch English Gleria Umbrellas, with steel rods and natural handles—75e.

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26 ard 28-inch Union Silk Umbrellas—\$1.50.

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yard.
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reduced to 13c,
Fancy Shane Straw Baskets—
reduced to 69c,
Fancy Shane Straw Baskets— Fancy Shape Straw Baskets-reduced to 79c., \$1.19, \$1.39 and

#### Wall Pockets.

Wall Pockets, with gilt and enameled frames and decorated enameled frames and decorated celluloid facings—reduced from \$1.0 to 75c. Oak Frame Music Rack, with hand-painted celluloid facing—re-duced from \$1.35 to 98c.

#### Toilet Articles.

Genuine 4711 Cologne—now 25e., 45c. and 9ec. a bettle. Weedworth's Triple Extracts, all odors—put up in fancy boxes—now 25c. Financi's Ean de Quinine Hair Tonice—15c. and 69c. a bettle Tonic—39e, and Oe, a bottle, Triple Extracts, all "scents"— 35e., 50c. and 59c. an ounce, Imported Atomizers — 25c. to \$2.50 \$2.50. The best of the world's Toilet The best of the world's Toilet Sonjs.

Reger & Gallet's Triple Extracts—79c., \$1 and \$1.15 a bottle.

Roger & Gallet's Violet Water—75c. a bottle.

Bigot Freres' Quadruple Extracts, new odors, Dotthery, Tuxcio Clab, American Roses, Dew of Violets, in half and full ounce bettles—25c. and 49c. a bottle.

Bigot Freres' Tollet Water, American Roses and Dew of Violets—45c. and 49c. a bottle.

Lavender Salts, in fancy bottles—30c.

Solid Gold Caff Buttons-\$2 to \$2.98 a pair. Heavy Roiled Plate Caff But-tons-25c. to \$1.75 a pair. Lorgnotte Chains, with and without slides-98c, and up Men's, Women's and Calidren's Solid Gold Rings, all sizes-98c, to \$8.50. Bric=a=Brac. Jeweled and Enameled Hat Pins -25c. to \$1.98. - 20c. to \$1.98. Solid Gold Scarf Pins—98c., \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$4.50. Solid Gold Lace Pins—\$1.98 to Hand Glasses reduced to 65c. Large Round Stand Glasses, with brass frames—reduced to \$1.19.
Extra Large Stand Mirror—reduced to \$1.59.
Large Oval Brass Mirror—reduced to \$2.85.
Large Gold-plate Brass Mirror—reduced to \$3.75.
Extra Large Gold-plated Mirror—reduced to \$3.25.
Shaying Sata reduced for \$5.00. Men's Watch Chains, best plate, Men's Watch Chains, best plate, warranted for five years—98c. to \$3.98.

Nail Files and Button Hooks, with sterling silver handles—25c., 59c., 69c., 75c., 98c. and \$1.25.

Envelope Moisteners, with sterling silver handles—59c. to 98c.

Nail Polishers, sterling silver mounted—89c. to \$1.98.

Sterling Silver Lock Bracelets, ladles' and children's sizes—98c. to \$1.98. Shaving Sets — reduced from \$1.98 to \$1.25. \$1.98 to \$1.25. culted from \$1.98. Shaving Sets—reduced to \$1.98. Shaving Sets—reduced to \$2.25. Shaving Sets—reduced to \$3.25. Shaving May and Brush—reduced from \$2.25 to \$1.75. Baby Sets, in celluloid boxes—reduced from \$1.25 to 75c. Quadruple plate Comb and Brush—reduced from \$3.25 to \$2.25. Old English Mills Paper, plain and ruled—15c, a pound. En-velopes to match—5c, a packa , Crushed Vellum, in heliotrope and azurine tints, octavo and com-mercial note sizes—19c, a pound. Envelopes to match—5c, a pack-age. 22.25.
Cigar Moistening Boxes—reduced from \$3 to \$2.25.
Individual Castors — reduced from \$2.25 to 75c.
Imported Ink Stand—reduced from 25c. to 19c.
Night Lamp, with chimney and globe—reduced from 65c. to 50c.
White Metal Trinket Trays—reduced from 12½c. to 5c.
White Metal Jewel Boxes—reduced from 25c. to 10c. age. Initial Seals—15c. each. Sealing Wax—5c. and 12c. a stick—15c. and 19c. a box, containing four sticks.
Writing Tablets-5c. to 18c.

duced from 25c. to 10c.

Nut Pick Sets, in oak boxes,
12 picks and two crackers to
each set—reduced from \$1.50 to 98c. White Metal Candlesticks—rewhite metal candiesticss—re-duced from 19c. to 10c.
Colored Glass Bouquet Holders, with White metal trimming—re-duced from \$1,25 to 75c.
White Metal and Gilt Frames— reduced from 19c. and 25c. to e. each.
White Metal and Gilt Photo-White Metal and Gilt Photo-graph Frames—reduced from 50c. to 15c. Round Gilt Frames, in two styles—now 25c. each. Gold-plated Photograph Frames now 50c. Double Gilt Frames—reduced to

#### Embroideries.

39c. Japanese Picture Frames—re-

duced to 69c. Heavy Brass Photograph Frames

-reduced to 45c.

Heavy Brass Frames, gold plated-reduced to 75c.

New designs in Embroidered Swiss Edgings, with wide margin for trimming fancy aprons. Spachtel and Renaissance Cen-terpleces. Doylles and Searfs—a

#### Gloves.

Ladies' 4-button Glace Gloves, in black and all feshionable shades—\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 sand 82 a pair.

Ladies' 2-clasp Pique Gloves, in
the new colors and black—\$1.

\$1.70, \$1.75 and \$2.25 a pair.

Ladies' 4-button Suede Gloves—
\$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.65 and \$1.75 a \$1.25. \$1.35. \$1.65 and \$1.75 a pair.
Ladies' 3-clasp Suede Gloves—
\$1.25 a pair.
Ladies' Suede and Glace Evening Gloves, 12 to 24 buttons—
\$2.25 to \$4 a pair.
Dent's Gleves for ladies, in black and tar—\$2 a pair.
Men's Gloves, in kid, dogskin, rander rand castor—\$1, \$1.50, 1/2 and \$2.25 a pair.
Misses' Gloves—\$1 a pair.
Boys' Gloves—\$1 25 a pair.
A full line of "Warm Gloves" for men, women and children.
\$11.K MITTENS—
Men's—\$2 a pair.
Ladies, \$1.25.

Men's \$2 a pair. Ladies' \$1 \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 a pair. Children's 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1 and \$1.25.

#### Silks.

Black Silk—enough for a dress, in a box—\$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10,20, \$12, \$14, \$17,50, \$20, \$24 and up. Fancy Silks, for waisis—street and evening shades—nearly boxed—ready for glying—50c., 65c., 55c., \$1 a yard and up. Also Bayadere Moire Antiques, Pla n and Fac ain Flodius, Lace Barne Satin Laxor and Bayadere Brocades, in daylight and gaslight shades. Special values for the holidays at less than usual prices.

#### Plushes & Velvets.

19-inch Black Velvets-\$1 a 19-inch Black Velvets—\$1 a yard. Beter—higher.
All-silk Black Velvets—in a variety of qualities.
Colored Velvets—newest shades—\$1 a yard and up.
Colored Plushes—75c. a yard.
32-inch Black Velvets, two grades at the special prices—\$3 and \$3.50 a yard.
32-inch Black Velour du Nord, extra values—\$3 and \$4 a yard.
Plaid and other of the novelty Velvets, for waists and trimmings—\$2 a yard and up.
Velutina, in black and colors.

#### Hosiery.

Ladies' Pure Silk Combination Hose-in a fancy box-\$2.25 a pair, Ladies' Pure Silk Fast Black Hose-in a fancy box-\$1.28 a ors and combinations and plain Black \$1 to \$2.75 a pair. Ladies' Elack Pure Silk Drop-ped Stitch Hose each pair in a box \$2.75 and \$3. Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose, with double knees—12½c, to 45c, a pair. Infants' Black and White Cashmere Hose-25c., 35c., 29c. and 50c. a pair. Boys' Heavy Ribbed Hose, with Boys Heavy Ribbed Hose, with spliced heels and toes and dou-ble knees 27c, for size 6-rise 2c.

#### Garters.

Ladies' Silk Elastic Garters, with backles and ribbon bows—each pair in a box—75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

#### Black Goods.

French Serge, regular 37½c, grade, for 25c, a yard.

44-inch Figures and Stripes, regular 75c, kind, for 50c, a yard, 50-inch French Serge, such a quality as you always pay 75c, lor-special at 50c, a yard.

Novelty Cheviots, \$1 kind, for 75c a yard. Noverly Cheviots, \$1 kind, for 75c. a yard.
Regular 50c. Wool Jacquards—special at 37½c. a yard.
We have boxed a number of handsome Dress Robes, that you may have the choice of at from \$2 t. \$5.50 for the pattern.

#### Merino Underwear.

Ladies' Silk Vests, low neck, no sleeves, silk crochet neck and armholes. Light Blue, Pink, Cream, Lavender, White and Fast Black-50c, each, All sizes.
Silk Corset Covers, pure White, with low neck and no sleeves, trimmed with lace—\$1.50 each.
Ladies' Pure Silk Vests, with low neck and no sleeves, neck and armholes lace trimmed—White, Cream, Pink and Light Blue—all sizes—NOW \$1.50.
Ladies' Pure Silk Vests, with high neck and short sleeves—NOW \$1.75 and \$2.
Ladies' Pure Silk Vests, with Ladies' Pure Silk Vests, with high neck and long sleeves—NOW \$2.25 to \$4.50. \$2.25 to \$4.50.

Ladles' Silk and Wool Vests, with high neck and short sleeves \$-\$1.55 and \$2.35; with long sleeves \$-\$1.85 and \$2.85.

Ladles' Pure Silk and All-wool Equestrienne Fants, \$1 to \$6 a pair.

#### Fancy Dress Goods.

40-inch All-wool Suitings-50c, yard. 45-inch ≜ll-wool Novelties-75c. 45-inch All-wool Novertes—15t.
a yard.
50-inch All-wool Covert Cloths—75c. a yard.
A choice selection of patterns, in dress lengths, boxed ready for giving—\$3.50, \$4, \$5.25 and up to \$30 for the length.
We want to call your attention carecially to a line of novelties we want to can your attention especially to a line of novelties that have just come in—imported weaves, and very new and handsome—Wool Satin Travers, Silk and Wool Poplins and others. These were bought expressly for Christmas, and come in dress lengths only.

### Furs.

El ctric Seal, French Coney and Astrakhan Capes, lined with heavy satin, shaped in the latest style—\$10 to \$50. Electric Seal, Marten and Mink Neck Scarfs, with heads and cluster of tails—\$3.75 to \$13.50. Calidren's Fur Sets, in angora—at REDUCED prices.

#### Aprons.

Nurses' Aprons, Waitresses'
Aprons and Hand-embroidered
Swiss Lines Fancy Aprons—25c.
to \$1.50.
Special lot of Fancy Lawn
Aprons, trimmed with lace and
ribbon—50c. to \$1.75.

#### Coats.

Ladies Imported Melton and Kersey Jackets, made with English ity front, velvet collar, new of week and back, and lined with chatgeable staffeta silk—worth \$12-for \$8.

Ladies Black Melton Jackets, festening high at neck; trimmed with cloth straips, high storm collar and lined with black taffeta is lk—worth \$15-for \$12.

Brown, Green, Navy Blue and Black Kersey Ceats, fastening high at neck, with storm collar, froats tandsomely tr mmed with braid; lined at through with Robraid; Hued at! through with Re-nan-stri, el s.lk worth \$20-\$16.

#### Wrappers, Teas Gowns, etc.

DRESSING SACQUES.
Ladies' Extertown and France-cite Dressing Sacques, in plain colors and striped patterns—69c, to 53.50.

to '3.50. WRAPIERS Ladies' Ge man Flinnel Wrap-less, made with yose-loose front, full back, belted in at waist, and hards mely trimmed with velvet—\$1. 1 add s' Eld rdown Fath Poles, with fited back, loose front, big fancy collar, cord and tassel— \$3.75. \$3.75.
Ladles' Eilerd wn Path Robes,
with fitted back, loose front, big
e.llar, catin triumings, and
beavy cord and fassel \$5.75.
TEA GOWNS.
I ad es' All-wool Cashimere Tea
Gowns, in blue, pink, red and
black, triumed with braid, lace
and ratin ribbon—\$3.50 to \$20.

#### Muslin Underwear.

Ladies' Muslin Gowns, wifth tucked yoke and ruffle of cambrid around neck and sleeves—32c. Ladies' Muslin and Cambrid Ladies' Muslin and Cambrie Drawers, with deep ruffle of cam-bric and cluster of tucks above— 25c.
Ladies' Muslin Skirts, with deep cambrie ruffle and cluster of tucks above—25c.
Ladies' Outing Flamed Night-gowns, cur Employers style, with

Ladies' Outling Flannel Nightgowns, cut Empire style, with
large cilnrs—59c, to \$1,59.

Nuises' Aprons, Waltrosses'
Aprons and Hand-embroidered
Swiss Linen Fancy Aprons—25c,
to \$1,50.

Special lot of Fancy Lawn
Aprons, trimmed with lace and
ribben—50c, to \$1,25.

Ladies' Outling Flannel Skirts,
in light colors, made on yoke and
finished with embroidered scallep
—39c.

## Mackintoshes.

Skirts and Shawls.

MACKINTOSHES.

Black and Navy Blue Double Texture Mackintoshes, cloth Haced, with double cape and velvet cellar. Special price—\$3.89.

Navy Blue and Black Cravenette Mackintoshes, with single cape. All sizes at the special price—\$10.

SKIRTS.

Ladies' Black Satine Skirts, lined and unlined—\$1 to \$1.50.

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Skirts, in all the new colors, made with deep corded founce, Haed with percaline—special price—\$6.50.

SHAWLS.

Ladies' Shoulder Shawls—50e, to \$2.

to 82. All-wool Chedda Shawls, in gray and white \$2 to \$40.

White, Pink and Light Blue Silk and Wool Mixed Square Shawls \$2 to \$5.

#### Domestics.

Cotion Toy Patterns, Monkeys, Dolls, Bogs, Edephants, Cats, Santa Claus, &c.—5c. each. 250 styles of Calico—cut in 10-yard patterns—50c, and C5c. each. Indigo Blue Calico—Poka Spots. Indigo Blue Calico—Poka Njots, Stripe and Flgured Patterns, an Sc. quality, for Gc. a yard. Russian Fleece—In 10-yard pat-terns—newest effects—\$1 cach. Christmas Chintzes—32 inches wide—10-yard patterns—\$1 cach. Each pattern is "frontispleced" with a pretty picture. with a pretty picture.
Ginghams, Percales, Chintzes
and Bleached and Brown Shirtings and Sheetings—a-plenty.

Ready-made Sheets and Pillow
Cases for no more than the muslin they are made of would cost

### Linens.

8-4, 8-10, 8-12 and 8-14 Lanch and Dinner Sets-\$3.50 to \$25 a and Dinner Sets \$3.50 to \$25 a set.

5-8, 3-4 and 7-8 Pure Linen Napsins \$1 to \$20 a dozen. Bleached Damask 50c. to \$2.50 a yard.

Huck and Damask Towels—125c. to \$1.50 each.

4-4, 5-4 and 6-4 Pizin and Hemstitched Stand Cleths—50c., 15c., \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3 and \$4 each.

24x50 Open Work and Knotted Pringe Damask Towels—worth \$75c.—for 625c. each.

Bath Towels—Terry and Woolen Bath Robes—Fath Blankers—at close prices specially marked for the bolidays.

Matelasse Smoking Jackets—\$10.

#### Upholsteries.

Wood Screen Frames, filled with slikaline—\$1.98 and \$2.50.
Japanere Screens, five feet high, with four folds—\$3.50 and \$5.50.
Pillows and Cushions, in slik and other art stuffs—handsome oddities—\$1 to \$5.50.
Bargains at a time when you can best appreciate them. Lower than usual prices on latest patterns in Brussels, Irish Point, Tamboured, Swiss, Nottingham and Novelty Lace Curtains.
Onyx Tables—\$3.95 to \$16.50.
Japanese Fire Screens and Fourfold Screens of art lacquer—\$1 to \$10.

#### Capes.

Ladies' Black Kersey Capes, 26 inches long, with full sweep; trimmed with Kersey straps, flaring collar-worth \$8-for \$5.
Ladies' Handsome Plush Capes, with double box plaits in back, high storm collar, trimmed around and down the front with marten fur; lined all through with heavy satin, and richly braided with jet —worth \$12—for \$9.

PERRY'S, "NINTH AND THE AVENUE."